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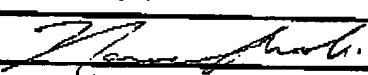
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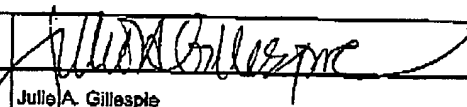
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In response to the non-final Office action dated January 4, 2007,  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.